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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This information disclosure statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits in the above-identified application. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation

of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references.

Explanation of Non-English Language References and
Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

DE 31 00 442 C1 relates to a connection part for plastic cannulas and vein catheters. A translation of the abstract is enclosed.

DE 33 24 699 C1 relates to a valve device. A translation of the abstract is enclosed.

DE 33 30 148 A1 relates to a check valve for medical purposes, in particular, for balloon catheters. A translation of the abstract is enclosed.

DE 38 37 779 C2 relates to a device with implantable infusion chamber and a catheter extending therefrom. A translation of claim 1 is enclosed.

DE 41 16 474 A1 relates to a cap for occluding a hose. A translation of the abstract is enclosed.

Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues

from this application.

By submitting this information disclosure statement, the applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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It is understood by applicant that the foregoing information will be considered and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the examiner, will be reflected in the examiner's communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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